

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 413
By Rochelle

A RESOLUTION to honor Sonya Rae Smith, 1996 valedictorian of
Lebanon High School.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Sonya Rae Smith is one such outstanding student who has distinguished herself as valedictorian of the 1996 graduating class at Lebanon High School; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, she has achieved extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, born on October 10, 1978, Sonya excelled at Southside Elementary School in grades 1-8 and has been a very popular student at Lebanon High School for four years; and

WHEREAS, in her laudable high school career, Sonya has earned an exceptional 98.4 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, at Lebanon, she was voted Most Likely to Succeed, was on the Four Year Principal's List, was in the top 10 in her class, won her school's Service Award and was chosen a member of the prestigious Presidential Classroom; and

WHEREAS, Sonya has generously volunteered her time and considerable talent in a number of worthwhile endeavors, serving expertly as president of the student council, treasurer of Mu Alpha Theta, editor of the yearbook and as a valued member of Beta, STARS, the

Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Environmental Club, the Junior Jaycees, the Literary Magazine and Youth Leadership Wilson County; and

WHEREAS, she has also been an active member of the 4-H Club, having received its Outstanding Achievement Award, and, in addition, has won numerous awards for showing cattle; and

WHEREAS, she evinces her strong faith as a devoted member of Bethel Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Sonya plans to attend Cumberland University, where she will major in biology. Her post graduate plans include the study of law or medicine; and

WHEREAS, Sonya's display of intellectual prowess and inner drive surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for her parents, Quintin and Vicki Smith, her sisters, Jamie, Robbie and Callie, her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Walker and Dorothy Smith, her great-grandparents, Ethel Watson and Carrie Walker, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Principal Steve Maloan and Superintendent Kip Puryear are very supportive of her; and

WHEREAS, her extraordinary dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we recognize, honor and commend Sonya Rae Smith on being the 1996 Lebanon High School valedictorian and wish her well in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution, with the final resolving clause deleted, be furnished to Sonya Rae Smith.